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At the close of the 1976 Term, this Court was asked to resolve the question whether a remedy in a desegregation case required a constitutional violation and whether the remedy must be confined to a cure of such constitutional violations that may exist. The Court, adhering to the position it took earlier in Washington v. Davis, 426 U. S. 229 (1976), and Village of Arlington Heights v. Metropolitan Housing Development Corp., 429 U. S. 252 (1977), remanded the cases to the trial courts to determine whether there were intentional constitutional violations and to provide remedies measured by constitutional violations. Dayton Board of Education v. Brinkman, - U. S. -, 97 S. Ct. 2766 (1977), Brennan v. Armstrong, - U. S. -, 97 S. Ct. 2907 (1977), School District of Omaha v. United States, - U. S. -, 97 S. Ct. 2905 (1977), cf. Austin Independent School District v. United States, - U. S. -, 97 S. Ct. 517 (1976). The instant case presented the very same issues, but the Court did not treat this case as it had treated the others. Instead, it simply denied our petitions by a vote of four to three. 46 U. S. L. W. 3220 (3 October 1977).

On the first day of hearings this week, 11 October, 1977, the Court in Massachusetts v. Feeney, No. 76-265, reiterated its position on the need for a finding of intentional discrimination as a condition precedent and remanded the case for a finding as to the existence of such violation and for the framing of a remedy to meet any such violation. Our case, therefore, falls into a unique category; the rules applicable to all other desegregation cases and those applied in all other discrimination cases are, as a

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result of the denial of certiorari, not to be applicable in Delaware.

When it is recognized that this consequence of nonapplicability of general constitutional principles to this case derives from a two-to-one decision in the trial court, a four-to-three decision in the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, sitting en banc, and a denial of certiorari by this Court, with three of the seven Justices who participated voting to grant certiorari (see Stern & Gressman, Supreme Court Practice 208 (4th Ed. 1969); Harris v. Pennsylvania Railroad, 361 U. S. 15, 18 n. 2 (1959)), and remand so that this case may be treated in the same way as this Court has ordered all similar cases to be treated, we respectfully suggest that the Court reconsider its denial of certiorari, grant certiorari, and remand to the trial court to delineate the alleged constitutional violation or violations and frame a remedy directed to the cure of any such violations that it may find.

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As one of the counsel for the Petitioners herein, I hereby certify that this petition for rehearing is presented in good faith and not for delay and is restricted to the grounds specified in Rule 58(2).

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